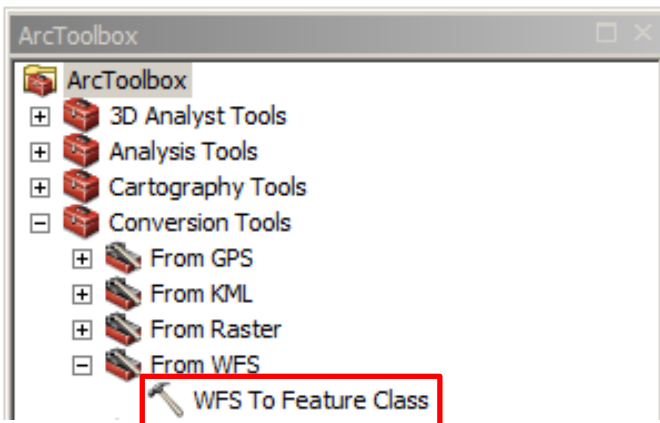# How to Add WFS Services to ArcGIS Desktop

WFS Services are similar to map services, except they allow for the content of the map service to be downloaded to a local machine. This makes the data available for analysis, within the ArcGIS Desktop software.
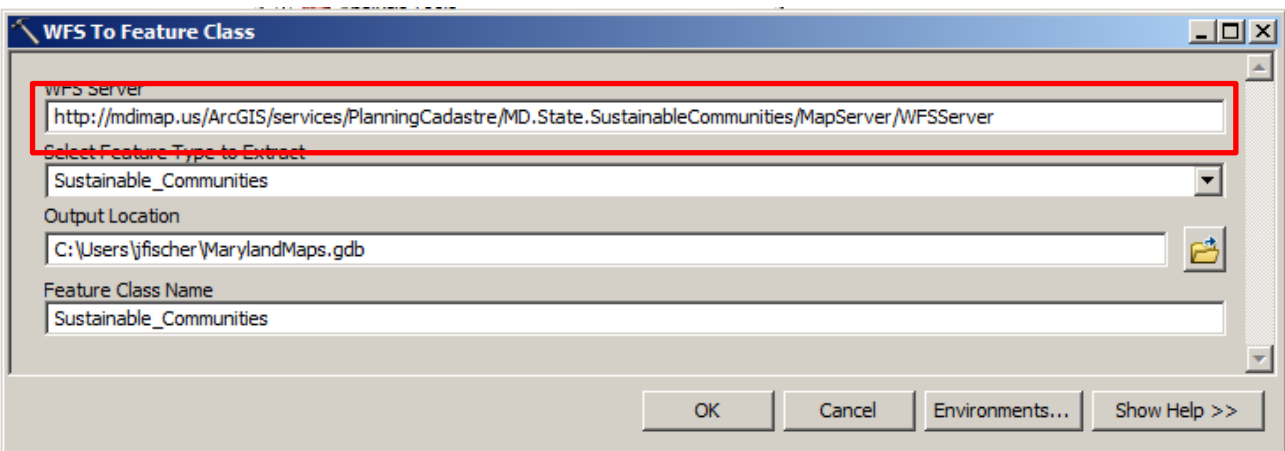

1. Open ArcMap

2. In ArcMap, go to ArcGIS Toolbox > Conversion Tools > From WFS > WFS to Feature Class
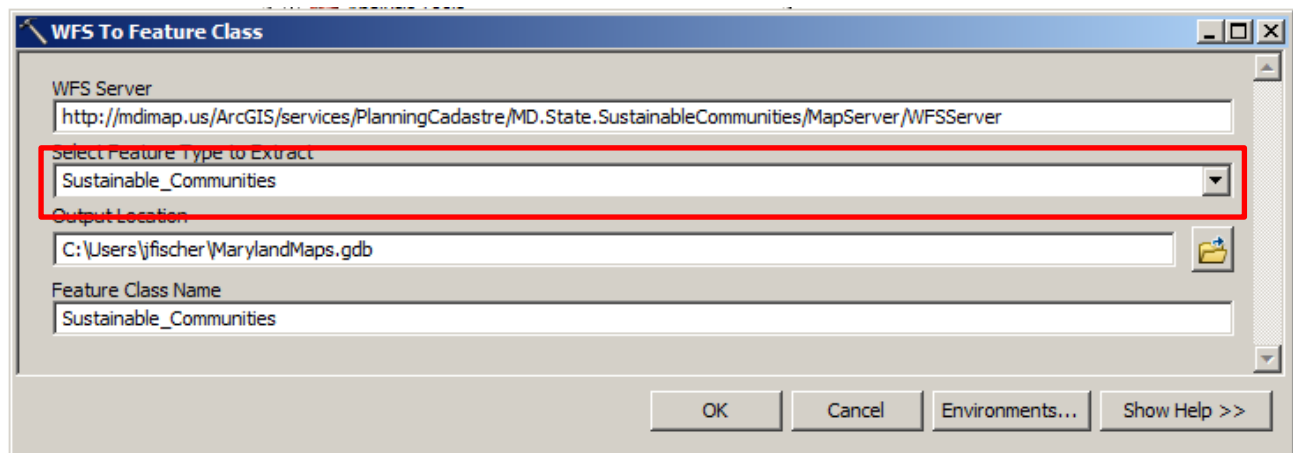

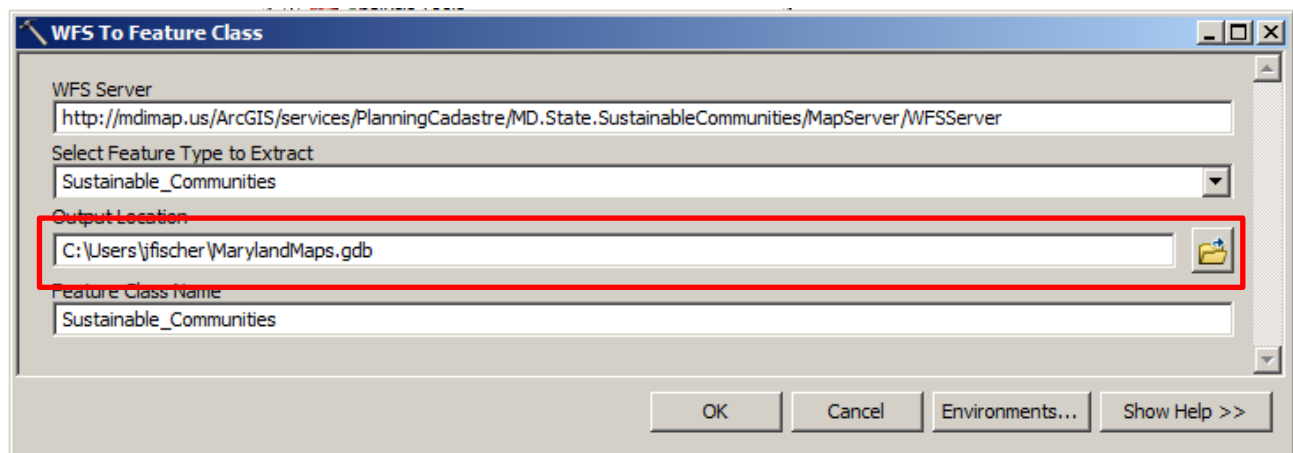3. Enter the full URL of the WFS Service. For MD iMap, URLs can be found at the REST endpoint: http://mdimap.us/arcgis/rest/services

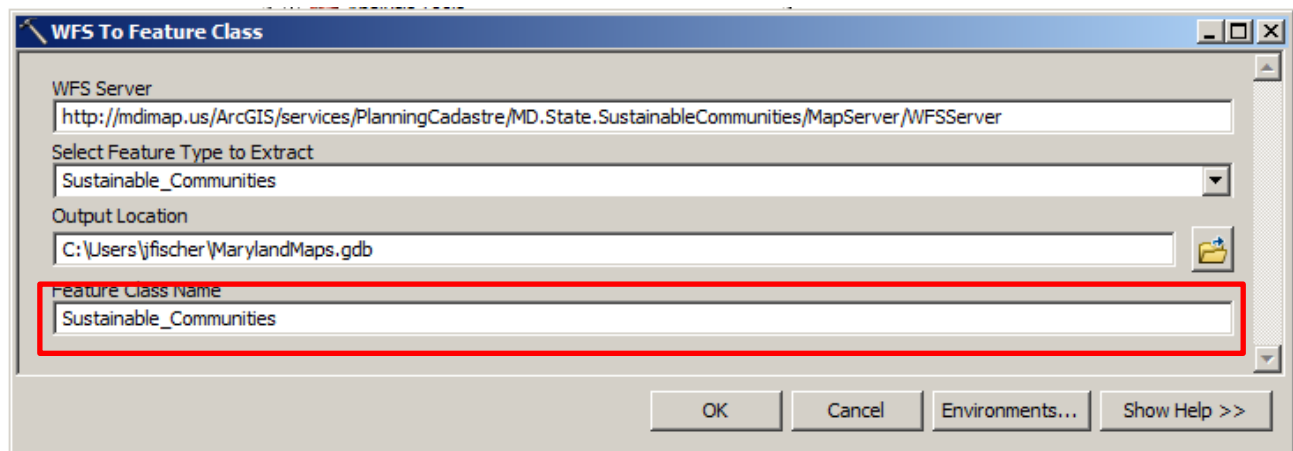   *Note: This URL will exclude "rest" and will include "WFSServer" after "MapServer"*

4. Click the dropdown for Select Feature Type to Extract to select the specific map service to extract (if applicable)
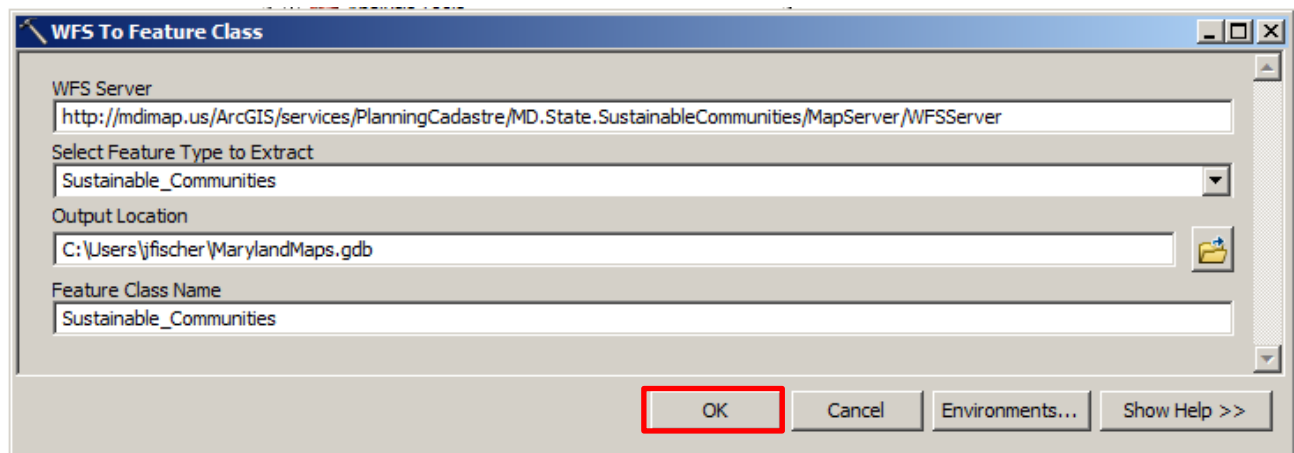
5. Enter the output location of the database for the data being extracted

6. Enter the feature class name for the data being extracted

7. Click OK

8. Click Add Data to add the downloaded data from the output location designated in Step 5